

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
July 12, 2005

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, City Attorney Patrick Benca, Aldermen Robin Baker, Mike Kemp, Dave Holsomback, Diane Everett. Aldermen Bobby Riley and James Smith were absent. Alderman Smith arrived at 6:50pm.

Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2005 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Baker. Second was provided by Alderman Kemp. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: The Recorder-Treasurer presented the following verbal financial report:

General Fund Checking Account ...	\$ 58,889.15
Undeposited Funds	\$ 3,838.80
Reserve Fund (Stephens).....	\$ 48,538.00
Radio Fund	\$ 88.88
Emergency Light Fund	\$ 253.00
Reader Board	<u>\$ 481.72</u>
General Fund Total	\$112,089.55
 Payroll Account	 \$ 118.03
 Street Fund Checking Account ...	 \$ 81,217.83
Street fund reserve account	<u>\$ 33,489.61</u>
Total Street Fund Assets	\$114,707.44
 Bond & Fine Account	 \$ 13,817.55
Court Clerk Fund	\$ 11,905.00
 LOPFI Account balance	 \$ 7,781.69

A motion to accept the Financial report as presented was made by Alderman Holsomback. Alderman Everett provided a second to the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 1. Authorization of expenditure for refreshments provided at Woodland Hills Annexation meeting.

Mayor Davis asked the Council to approve expenditure of \$475.00 to cover costs of the public meeting.

Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve the requested expenditure. Alderman Baker provided a second for the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 2. Authorization of expenditure for National Night Out.

Mayor Davis requested an appropriation of “up to” \$500.00 to use for refreshments and other materials in relation to the city’s participation in National Night Out. A motion to approve the appropriation was made by Alderman Baker. A second was offered by Alderman Everett. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 3. New Part Time position for the Police Department.

Police Chief Richard Friend presented a request to have another part time position authorized for the Police Department. The Position will be a Part Time 2 position authorized to work no more than 20 hours per week. The rate of pay for the position will be Eight Dollars, (\$8.00), per hour.

After hearing Chief Friend’s presentation, Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Baker provided a second. In a roll-call vote Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voted “Yes”. Alderman Riley was absent. There were no opposing votes.

Item 4. Abatement of property on Beachwood.

Following several attempts to get the owner(s) of the vacant property to bring it up to code, Mayor Davis brought the issue before the City Council. After some discussion, the City Attorney recommended that the proper first step would be to have the Police issue a citation to the owners as a means of getting the case before the court. No Council action was taken at this time.

Item 5. Request from Doug Loftin to stop charges for Sewer fees on water used by the Builders in the development areas.

There was some discussion about the impact on the Water Department considering that the department already is struggling with a cash flow problem. It was also acknowledged that charging sewer fees to the builders was a bit unfair in that almost none of the water they use ends up in the sewer system. It was agreed that more information might help the council make a better decision. Alderman Kemp moved that the issue be tabled until next regular meeting. Alderman Everett provided a second. In a roll-call vote Aldermen Everett, Holsomback, Smith, Kemp and Baker voted “Yes.” Alderman Riley was absent.

Item 6. Discussion about a City Wide ban on the Ownership of Pit Bull Dogs in the city.

With several cities in Arkansas having recently taken steps to ban Pit Bull and other dogs with bad reputations for being overly aggressive, the issue was presented for discussion. There followed several minutes of lively discussion that covered a range of issues related to dog control. No action was taken. The issue will be addressed in a more direct manner in the near future.

Item 7. Annexation of land east of Shannon Hills.

The topic was brought to the floor and there followed some discussion about procedure and protocol with respect to the annexation action. Following that discussion A resolution, (2005-04), was presented by Mayor Davis that established the intent of the city, the boundaries of the proposed annexation area and authorizes the Mayor to proceed with necessary actions related to the annexation effort.

The resolution was read by Attorney Benca. Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Alderman Baker provided a second. In a roll-call vote Aldermen Baker, Kemp, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voted "yes." Alderman Riley was absent. The Resolution was approved.

Item 7. Recommendation that the City post Curfew signs.

Citizen Mary Tuggle recommended that the city post curfew signs so that people would know, or be reminded, that the city does have a curfew and what the hours and ages are. Mayor Davis and the Council members agree that signs would be a great idea. Mayor Davis stated that he would have the signs ordered and installed.

Comments:

Ms. Beverly Williamson commented about how reckless some kids in her neighborhood were with fireworks and stated that she supported a city ban on fireworks. Mayor Davis confirmed that there is a ban except for the 4th of July and New Years.

Mr. Don Younger reported that the Mail delivery lady had talked to him about a bush an Shamrock and Shannon Hills Drive that was so big that it obstructs her view and needs to be trimmed back.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Kemp. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer